

*CLAIM AMENDMENTS*

Please amend claims 3, 30, 35 and 37, and add new claims 41-43, as indicated below, such that after entry of the amendments, the claims read as follows:

1. (Cancelled)
2. (Withdrawn) The apparatus of claim 1, wherein at least one of the upper and lower surfaces includes one or more spikes extending therefrom, with at least one of the one or more spikes having one or more barbs extending therefrom for engaging at least one of the floor covering or the underlying substrate.
3. (Currently amended) An apparatus for securing a movable floor covering to an underlying floor covering supported on a floor, where the underlying floor covering has ~~having~~ a layer of pile and a backing with the pile attached to and extending upward from [[a]] the backing of the underlying floor covering opposite the floor, the apparatus comprising:
  - a substantially flat and planar central base member adapted to be placed between the movable floor covering and the underlying floor covering;
  - the central base member having an upper surface thereof adapted for attachment thereto of engaging the movable floor covering, and a lower surface thereof having a lone downwardly extending threaded spike that is adapted to pass completely through the layer of pile and threadably engage the backing of the underlying floor covering for securing the apparatus to the underlying floor covering as the central base member of the apparatus is rotated to screw the threaded spike through the backing.
4. (Withdrawn) The apparatus of claim 3, wherein the upper surface of the central base member includes a plurality of upwardly extending spikes that are adapted to engage the floor covering.

5. (Original) The apparatus of claim 3, wherein the upper surface of the central base member includes an adhesive for bonding a lower surface of the floor covering to the upper surface of the central base member.

6. (Previously presented) The apparatus of claim 5, wherein the adhesive is covered by a removable protective membrane, that is peeled off to expose the adhesive for attachment to the lower surface of the floor covering.

7. (Withdrawn) The apparatus of claim 6, further comprising:  
a plurality of hooks extending upward from the upper surface of the central base member; and  
an anchor tab having a lower surface thereof including a plurality of mating hooks for engaging the hooks extending from the upper surface of the central base member, and an upper surface thereof including an adhesive for attachment of the anchor tab to the lower surface of the floor covering.

8. (Withdrawn) The apparatus of claim 7, further comprising a removable protective membrane covering the adhesive on the anchor tab, that is that is peeled off to expose the adhesive for attachment to the lower surface of the floor covering.

9. (Previously presented) The apparatus of claim 3, wherein the single downwardly extending threaded spike is adapted for penetrating completely through the backing of the underlying substrate.

10. (Withdrawn) The apparatus of claim 9, wherein the upper surface of the central base member includes a plurality of upwardly extending spikes that are adapted to engage the floor covering.

11. (Previously presented) The apparatus of claim 9, wherein the backing of the underlying substrate defines a lower surface thereof, and the single downwardly

extending threaded spike includes a thread on an outer surface thereof adapted for engaging the lower surface of the backing of the underlying substrate.

12. (Withdrawn) The apparatus of claim 11, wherein the upper surface of the central base member includes a plurality of upwardly extending spikes that are adapted to engage the floor covering.

13. (Original) The apparatus of claim 11, wherein the upper surface of the central base member includes an adhesive for bonding a lower surface of the floor covering to the upper surface of the central base member.

14. (Previously presented) The apparatus of claim 11, wherein the adhesive is covered by a removable protective membrane, that is peeled off to expose the adhesive for attachment to the lower surface of the floor covering.

15. (Withdrawn) The apparatus of claim 14, further comprising:  
a plurality of hooks extending upward from the upper surface of the central base member; and  
an anchor tab having a lower surface thereof including a plurality of mating hooks for engaging the hooks extending from the upper surface of the central base member, and an upper surface thereof including an adhesive for attachment of the anchor tab to the lower surface of the floor covering.

16. (Withdrawn) The apparatus of claim 15, further comprising a removable protective membrane covering the adhesive on the anchor tab, that is peeled off to expose the adhesive for attachment of the anchor tab to the lower surface of the floor covering.

17. (Cancelled)

18. (Withdrawn) The apparatus of claim 17, wherein the upper surface of the central base member includes a plurality of upwardly extending spikes that are adapted to engage the floor covering.

19. (Cancelled)

20. (Cancelled)

21. (Withdrawn) The apparatus of claim 17, further comprising:  
a plurality of hooks extending upward from the upper surface of the central base member; and  
an anchor tab having a lower surface thereof including a plurality of mating hooks for engaging the hooks extending from the upper surface of the central base member, and an upper surface thereof including an adhesive for attachment of the anchor tab to the lower surface of the floor covering.

22. (Withdrawn) The apparatus of claim 21, further comprising a removable protective membrane covering the adhesive on the anchor tab, that is that is peeled off to expose the adhesive for attachment to the lower surface of the floor covering.

23. (Withdrawn) The apparatus of claim 1, wherein the underlying substrate is a smooth surface, and the lower surface of the central base member includes an adhesive for attaching the apparatus to the underlying substrate.

24. (Withdrawn) The apparatus of claim 23, further comprising a removable protective membrane covering the adhesive on the lower surface of the central base member, that is that is peeled off to expose the adhesive for attachment of the apparatus to the underlying substrate.

25. (Withdrawn) The apparatus of claim 23, wherein the upper surface of the central base member includes a plurality of upwardly extending spikes that are adapted to engage the floor covering.

26. (Withdrawn) The apparatus of claim 23, wherein the upper surface of the central base member includes an adhesive for bonding a lower surface of the floor covering to the upper surface of the central base member.

27. (Withdrawn) The apparatus of claim 26, wherein the adhesive is covered by a removable protective membrane, that is peeled off to expose the adhesive for attachment of the anchor tab to the lower surface of the floor covering.

28. (Withdrawn) The apparatus of claim 23, further comprising:  
a plurality of hooks extending upward from the upper surface of the central base member; and  
an anchor tab having a lower surface thereof including a plurality of mating hooks for engaging the hooks extending from the upper surface of the central base member, and an upper surface thereof including an adhesive for attachment of the anchor tab to the lower surface of the floor covering.

29. (Withdrawn) The apparatus of claim 28, further comprising a removable protective membrane, covering the adhesive on the anchor tab, that is peeled off to expose the adhesive for attachment to the lower surface of the floor covering.

30. (Currently amended) An apparatus for securing a rug to an underlying carpet supported on a floor, with the carpet having a pile layer extending upward opposite the floor from a backing of the carpet disposed between the pile and the floor, with the backing defining a lower surface thereof, the apparatus comprising:

a substantially flat and planar central base member adapted to be placed between the rug and the underlying carpet;

the central base member having oppositely facing upper and lower surfaces thereof, with the [[an]] upper surface thereof being adapted for attachment thereto of engaging the rug, and the lower surface having a lone downwardly extending threaded spike fixedly attached thereto;

the spike being adapted for rotatably penetrating completely through the pile layer and backing of the carpet as rotational torque is applied to the central base member to screw the threaded spike through the backing in such a manner that the threaded spike threadably engages and engaging the lower surface of the backing, to thereby fixedly attach the apparatus to the underlying carpet without threadably engaging the floor.

31. (Previously presented) The apparatus of claim 30, wherein the downwardly extending threaded spike includes helical thread on an outer surface thereof for engaging the lower surface of the backing of the carpet.

32. (Previously presented) The apparatus of claim 30, wherein:  
the backing of the carpet is adapted to rest upon an upper surface of a carpet pad disposed between the carpet and a floor; and  
the downwardly extending threaded spike has a length thereof configured for extending completely through the pile and backing of the carpet and partially into but not through the carpet pad.

33. (Previously presented) The apparatus of claim 34 , wherein the torque receiving elements comprise, one or more grasping elements for grasping and applying torque to the apparatus, to thereby facilitate threadably screwing the apparatus into the backing of the carpet.

34. (Previously presented) The apparatus of claim 32, wherein the central base member includes one or more torque receiving elements for applying torque to the apparatus, to thereby facilitate threadably screwing the apparatus into the backing of the carpet.

35. (Currently amended) An apparatus for securing a floor covering to an underlying carpet, the apparatus having a body for placement between the carpet and the floor covering, the body having upper and lower surfaces and a height which is less than the body's lateral extension, the lower surface having a lone spike projecting downwardly therefrom for penetrating the carpet, the spike having a thread on an outer surface of the spike for threadably engaging a lower surface of a backing of the carpet in such a manner that when the threaded spike is rotated solely by application of torque to the body of the apparatus, the body of the apparatus is threadably drawn toward the backing of the carpet as the body is rotated, the upper surface of the body being provided with means for engaging attaching the floor covering to the body of the apparatus.

36. (Withdrawn) The apparatus of claim 35, wherein the upper surface of the body includes a plurality of upwardly extending spikes for engaging the floor covering.

37. (Currently amended) The apparatus of claim [[36]] 35, wherein the upper surface of the body includes an adhesive for bonding a lower surface of the floor covering to the upper surface of the body.

38. (Previously presented) The apparatus of claim 37, wherein the adhesive is covered by a removable protective membrane, that is peeled off to expose the adhesive for attachment to the lower surface of the floor covering.

39. (Withdrawn) The apparatus of claim 1, further comprising a plurality of hooks extending upward from the upper surface of the body, and an anchor tab having a lower surface thereof including a plurality of mating hooks for engaging the hooks extending from the upper surface of the body, and an upper surface thereof including an adhesive for attachment of the anchor tab to the lower surface of the floor covering.

40. (Withdrawn) The apparatus of claim 39, further comprising a removable protective membrane covering the adhesive on the anchor tab, that is peeled off to expose the adhesive for attachment to the lower surface of the floor covering.

41. (New) The combination of:

a floor, an underlying floor covering in the form of a carpet lying on the floor, a movable floor covering lying on the carpet, and an apparatus for securing the movable floor covering to the carpet;

the carpet having a layer of pile and a backing with the pile extending upward from the backing with the carpet disposed on the floor with the backing between the pile and the floor;

the apparatus comprising a substantially flat and planar central base member and a lone threaded spike;

the central base member being disposed between the movable floor covering and the pile and having an upper surface thereof attached to the movable floor covering, and a lower surface thereof having the lone threaded spike extending downward and passing completely through the layer of pile and the backing and threadably engaging the backing of the carpet for securing the apparatus to the carpet as a result solely of the central base member of the apparatus being rotated to screw the threaded spike through the backing.

42. (New) The combination of claim 41, wherein, the threaded spike does not threadably engage the floor.

43. (New) The combination of claim 41, further comprising, a carpet pad underlying the carpet between the floor and the carpet, wherein, the threaded spike penetrates into the carpet pad but not the floor.